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two outer covering layers having contours and disposed at a distance from one another, said two outer covering layers connected to one another in a vacuum-tight manner by said connecting profile running along said contours, said two outer covering layers together with said connecting profile enclosing an intermediate space that can be evacuated and filled with said evacuable heat insulating material, at least one of said two outer covering layers having an aperture formed therein; and

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a tube section including two end sections, one of said two end sections having a circumferentially positioned flange-shaped expanded and flattened region fixed in a vacuum-tight manner in said aperture of said at least one of said two outer covering layers and being formed to compensate for positional imprecisions between said aperture and said tube section.

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1 to 12 remain in the application. Claims 1 to 12 are subject to examination and claims 13 and 14 have been withdrawn from examination.